

## James Jacobsen

October 15, 1950 - May 22, 2018

James "Jake" Jacobsen, 67  
Kearney resident

James "Jake" Jacobsen, 67, of Kearney died Tuesday, May 22nd at his home. A Celebration of Life will be held 10:30 am Wednesday at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home with the Rev. Duane Osnes officiating. Interment will follow at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the Grand Island Fire Department. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Jake was born October 15, 1950 in Grand Island, Nebraska to Jack L. and Beverly (Anderson) Jacobsen. He was raised in Grand Island and was a graduate of Grand Island Senior High School. After his graduation, he served in the U.S. Army for a short time before joining the Grand Island Fire Department where he served for 27 years. Following his retirement from the fire department, he began his career in loss prevention with Sears and later with Walmart. He continued with Walmart for the past 25 years where he made many close friends.

Jake had many hobbies but his favorites where fishing, hunting and traveling.

He enjoyed duck and goose hunting and spending time at the blind. He spent time fishing at Harlan County Reservoir. He was very adventurous and most of all enjoyed going to Deadwood, SD with his “#1 lady” and significant other of 20 years, Julie Beaumont. Jake will be remembered for his quick wit and his “Jakeisms” such as; “Remember to Endeavor to persevere with a sense of urgency”, “Let your conscience be your guide” and “Improvise, Adapt and Overcome”, just to name a few.

Survivors include his significant other, Julie Beaumont of Kearney; daughters Heather Langan and husband Joel, Valerie Pfenning and husband Justin, Jayme Davis and Kristen Jacobsen; grandchildren Hudson Pfenning, Lennon Pfenning, Camden Davis, Hudson Davis; brother Jack C. Jacobsen of Cocoa, FL; and nephew Christian Jacobsen.

Jake was preceded in death by his parents; infant brother Jeffrey and his grandmother Alice Anderson.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 30. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Jacobsen



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**O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations** - May 31, 2018 at 02:23 PM



“ James Jacobsen

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM




“ I was sorry to hear the news about Jake. He was such a great guy. I had so much fun playing softball with him. He will be greatly missed by many. Hugs and prayers to you all.



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**Sandy Wolzen** - May 30, 2018 at 07:29 AM

 Lacey Szafrajda

“ I was the one that cut Jake's beautiful hair for years at cost cutters then razors edge he was like a father to me we lost touch a few years ago when I left I am deeply saddened by this I wish I would of stayed in touch I know my boss said he still asked about me it just shows what kind of man he was to everyone just a great personality always came in with a smile always left with a hug he was easy to vent to just everything was perfect with this man I will miss you jake my friend forever RIP

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**Lacey Szafrajda** - May 27, 2018 at 12:12 AM

AM

“ I only knew Jake when I worked at Walmart. I remember he always had a smile on his face. He will be missed and my sincere condolences to his family and friends.

*Audrey Medley*

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**Audrey Medley** - May 25, 2018 at 07:57 AM

AM

“ Too many memories of Jake to share just one over from the last 14 years of working together. Jake was a mentor a friend a confidant whatever you needed him to be at that moment. He lived life to its fullest and I always admired that about him. My fondest memories of him will always be our hacking on each other about whatever came up. I also enjoyed all our many conversations about life when no one else was around. Words can not express how much he will be missed.

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**Adam Miller** - May 24, 2018 at 06:40 PM